

House Study Bill 663 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BLOOMINGDALE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to electronic meetings of governmental bodies.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 21.8, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
2 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 A governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic
4 means ~~only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is~~
5 ~~impossible or impractical and only~~ if the governmental body
6 complies with all of the following:

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to electronic meetings of a governmental
11 body under Code chapter 21 (open meetings). The bill allows
12 a governmental body to conduct a meeting by electronic means
13 even when it is possible or practical to conduct the meeting
14 in person if the governmental body complies with certain
15 procedural requirements. Under current law, a government
16 body is only allowed to conduct a meeting by electronic means
17 if it is impossible or impractical for the meeting to be
18 held in person and if in compliance with certain procedural
19 requirements.